

CHAPTER 1

Number Systems, Operations, and Codes



Decimal Numbers

The position of each digit in a weighted number system is assigned a weight based on the **base** or **radix** of the system. The radix of decimal numbers is ten, because only ten symbols (0 through 9) are used to represent any number.

The column weights of decimal numbers are powers of ten that increase from right to left beginning with $10^0 = 1$:

$$\dots 10^5 \ 10^4 \ 10^3 \ 10^2 \ 10^1 \ 10^0.$$

For fractional decimal numbers, the column weights are negative powers of ten that decrease from left to right:

$$10^2 \ 10^1 \ 10^0. \ 10^{-1} \ 10^{-2} \ 10^{-3} \ 10^{-4} \dots$$



Decimal Numbers

Decimal numbers can be expressed as the sum of the products of each digit times the column value for that digit. Thus, the number 9240 can be expressed as

$$(9 \times 10^3) + (2 \times 10^2) + (4 \times 10^1) + (0 \times 10^0)$$

or

$$9 \times 1,000 + 2 \times 100 + 4 \times 10 + 0 \times 1$$

Example

Express the number 480.52 as the sum of values of each digit.

Solution

$$480.52 = (4 \times 10^2) + (8 \times 10^1) + (0 \times 10^0) + (5 \times 10^{-1}) + (2 \times 10^{-2})$$



Binary Numbers

For digital systems, the binary number system is used. Binary has a radix of two and uses the digits 0 and 1 to represent quantities.

The column weights of binary numbers are powers of two that increase from right to left beginning with $2^0 = 1$:

$$\dots 2^5 \ 2^4 \ 2^3 \ 2^2 \ 2^1 \ 2^0.$$

For fractional binary numbers, the column weights are negative powers of two that decrease from left to right:

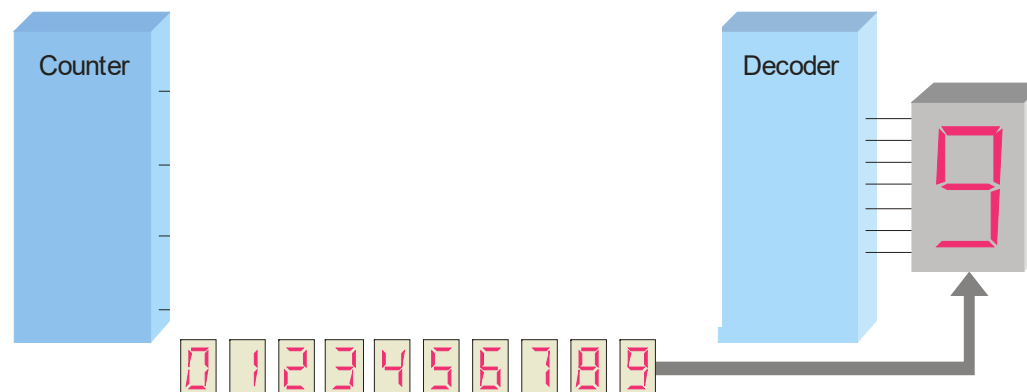
$$2^2 \ 2^1 \ 2^0. \ 2^{-1} \ 2^{-2} \ 2^{-3} \ 2^{-4} \dots$$

Binary Numbers

A binary counting sequence for numbers from zero to fifteen is shown.

Notice the pattern of zeros and ones in each column.

Digital counters frequently have this same pattern of digits:



Decimal Number	Binary Number
0	0 0 0 0
1	0 0 0 1
2	0 0 1 0
3	0 0 1 1
4	0 1 0 0
5	0 1 0 1
6	0 1 1 0
7	0 1 1 1
8	1 0 0 0
9	1 0 0 1
10	1 0 1 0
11	1 0 1 1
12	1 1 0 0
13	1 1 0 1
14	1 1 1 0
15	1 1 1 1

Binary Conversions

The decimal equivalent of a binary number can be determined by adding the column values of all of the bits that are 1 and discarding all of the bits that are 0.

Example

Convert the binary number 100101.01 to decimal.

Solution

Start by writing the column weights; then add the weights that correspond to each 1 in the number.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 & 2^{-1} & 2^{-2} \\ 32 & 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 32 & & & +4 & +1 & & +\frac{1}{4} & = 37\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$$



Binary Conversions

You can convert a decimal whole number to binary by reversing the procedure. Write the decimal weight of each column and place 1's in the columns that sum to the decimal number.

Example

Convert the decimal number 49 to binary.

Solution

The column weights double in each position to the right. Write down column weights until the last number is larger than the one you want to convert.

2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0	.
64	32	16	8	4	2	1	.
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	.

Binary Conversions

You can convert a decimal fraction to binary by repeatedly multiplying the fractional results of successive multiplications by 2. The carries form the binary number.

Example Convert the decimal fraction 0.188 to binary by repeatedly multiplying the fractional results by 2.

Solution

$0.188 \times 2 = 0.376$	carry = 0	MSB ↓
$0.376 \times 2 = 0.752$	carry = 0	
$0.752 \times 2 = 1.504$	carry = 1	
$0.504 \times 2 = 1.008$	carry = 1	
$0.008 \times 2 = 0.016$	carry = 0	

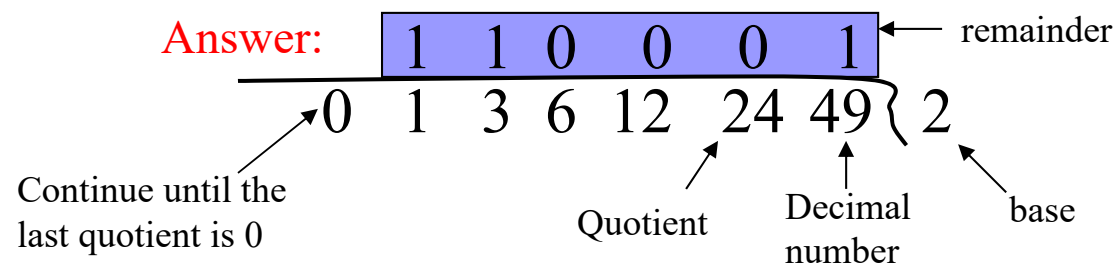
Answer = .00110 (for five significant digits)

Binary Conversions

You can convert decimal to any other base by repeatedly dividing by the base. For binary, repeatedly divide by 2:

Example Convert the decimal number 49 to binary by repeatedly dividing by 2.

Solution You can do this by “reverse division” and the answer will read from left to right. Put quotients to the left and remainders on top.





Binary Addition

The rules for binary addition are

$$0 + 0 = 0 \quad \text{Sum} = 0, \text{ carry} = 0$$

$$0 + 1 = 1 \quad \text{Sum} = 1, \text{ carry} = 0$$

$$1 + 0 = 1 \quad \text{Sum} = 1, \text{ carry} = 0$$

$$1 + 1 = 10 \quad \text{Sum} = 0, \text{ carry} = 1$$

When an input carry = 1 due to a previous result, the rules are

$$1 + 0 + 0 = 01 \quad \text{Sum} = 1, \text{ carry} = 0$$

$$1 + 0 + 1 = 10 \quad \text{Sum} = 0, \text{ carry} = 1$$

$$1 + 1 + 0 = 10 \quad \text{Sum} = 0, \text{ carry} = 1$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 10 \quad \text{Sum} = 1, \text{ carry} = 1$$



Binary Addition

Example Add the binary numbers 00111 and 10101 and show the equivalent decimal addition.

Solution

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcolor{red}{0\ 1\ 1\ 1} \\ 00111 \quad 7 \\ 10101 \quad 21 \\ \hline 11100 \textcolor{red}{=} 28 \end{array}$$



The rules for binary subtraction are

$10 - 1 = 9$ with a borrow of 1

Example Subtract the binary number 00111 from 10101 and show the equivalent decimal subtraction.

Solution

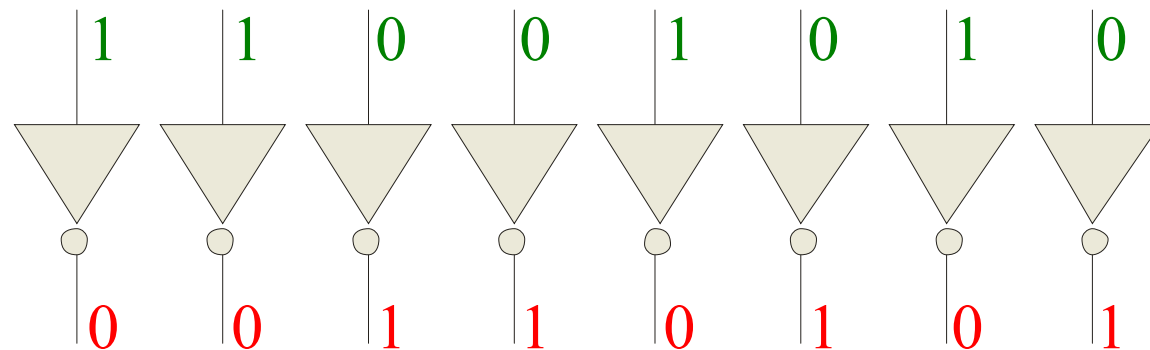
$$\begin{array}{r} \textcolor{red}{1} \textcolor{red}{1} \textcolor{red}{1} \\ \cancel{1} \cancel{0} \cancel{1} 0 1 \quad 21 \\ 0 0 1 1 1 \quad 7 \\ \hline 0 1 1 1 0 \quad \textcolor{red}{=} 14 \end{array}$$

1's Complement

The 1's complement of a binary number is just the inverse of the digits. To form the 1's complement, change all 0's to 1's and all 1's to 0's.

For example, the 1's complement of **11001010** is
00110101

In digital circuits, the 1's complement is formed by using inverters:



2's Complement

The 2's complement of a binary number is found by adding 1 to the LSB of the 1's complement.

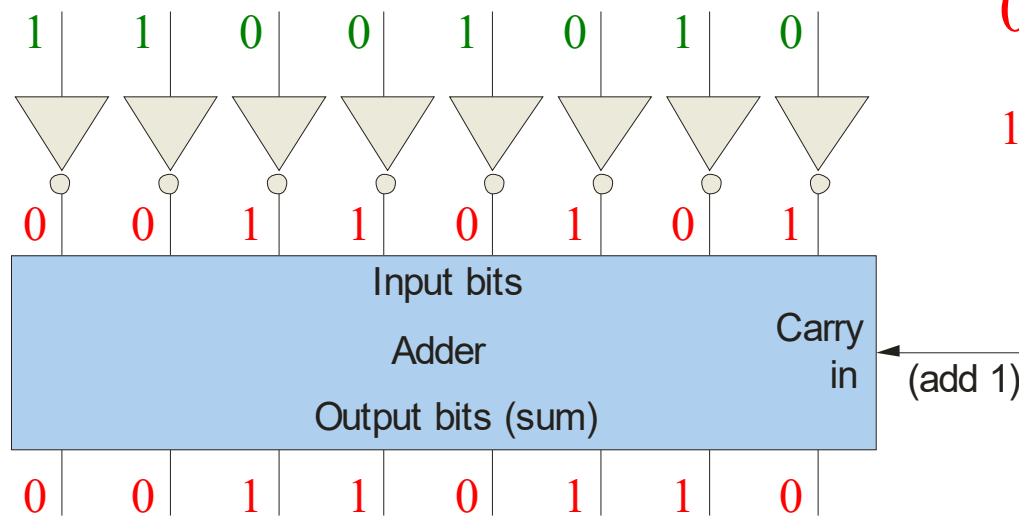
Recall that the 1's complement of **11001010** is

00110101 (1's complement)

To form the 2's complement, add 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 00110101 \\ +1 \\ \hline 00110110 \end{array}$$

(2's complement)





Signed Binary Numbers

There are several ways to represent signed binary numbers. In all cases, the MSB in a signed number is the sign bit, that tells you if the number is positive or negative.

Computers use a modified 2's complement for signed numbers. Positive numbers are stored in *true* form (with a 0 for the sign bit) and negative numbers are stored in *complement* form (with a 1 for the sign bit).

For example, the positive number 58 is written using 8-bits as

00111010 (true form).

Sign bit

Magnitude bits

Signed Binary Numbers

Negative numbers are written as the 2's complement of the corresponding positive number.

The negative number -58 is written as:

$$-58 = 11000110 \text{ (complement form)}$$

Sign bit Magnitude bits

An easy way to read a signed number that uses this notation is to assign the sign bit a column weight of -128 (for an 8-bit number).

Then add the column weights for the 1's.

Example Assuming that the sign bit = -128 , show that $11000110 = -58$ as a 2's complement signed number:

Solution Column weights: $-128 \ 64 \ 32 \ 16 \ 8 \ 4 \ 2 \ 1$.

1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
-128	$+64$				$+4$	$+2$	$= -58$

Arithmetic Operations with Signed Numbers

Using the signed number notation with negative numbers in 2's complement form simplifies addition and subtraction of signed numbers.

Rules for **addition**: Add the two signed numbers. Discard any final carries. The result is in signed form.

Examples:

$$00011110 = +30$$

$$00001111 = +15$$

$$\hline 00101101 = +45$$

$$00001110 = +14$$

$$11101111 = -17$$

$$\hline 11111101 = -3$$

$$11111111 = -1$$

$$11111000 = -8$$

$$\hline 11110111 = -9$$

Discard carry

Arithmetic Operations with Signed Numbers

Note that if the number of bits required for the answer is exceeded, overflow will occur. This occurs only if both numbers have the same sign. The overflow will be indicated by an incorrect sign bit.

Two examples are:

$$01000000 = +128$$

$$01000001 = +129$$

$$10000001 = -126$$

$$10000001 = -127$$

$$10000001 = -127$$

$$\text{Discard carry} \longrightarrow 100000010 = +2$$

Wrong! The answer is incorrect and the sign bit has changed.



Arithmetic Operations with Signed Numbers

Rules for **subtraction**: 2's complement the subtrahend and add the numbers. Discard any final carries. The result is in signed form.

Repeat the examples done previously, but subtract:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 00011110 & (+30) & 00001110 & (+14) & 11111111 & (-1) \\
 - 00001111 & -(+15) & - 11101111 & -(-17) & - 11111000 & -(-8) \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

2's complement subtrahend and add:

$00011110 = +30$	$00001110 = +14$	$11111111 = -1$
$11110001 = -15$	$00010001 = +17$	$00001000 = +8$
\hline	\hline	\hline
$\cancel{1}00001111 = +15$	$00011111 = +31$	$\cancel{1}00000111 = +7$
 Discard carry		 Discard carry



BCD

Binary coded decimal (BCD) is a weighted code that is commonly used in digital systems when it is necessary to show decimal numbers such as in clock displays.

The table illustrates the difference between straight binary and BCD. BCD represents each decimal digit with a 4-bit code. Notice that the codes 1010 through 1111 are not used in BCD.

Decimal	Binary	BCD
0	0000	0000
1	0001	0001
2	0010	0010
3	0011	0011
4	0100	0100
5	0101	0101
6	0110	0110
7	0111	0111
8	1000	1000
9	1001	1001
10	1010	0001 0000
11	1011	0001 0001
12	1100	0001 0010
13	1101	0001 0011
14	1110	0001 0100
15	1111	0001 0101



BCD

You can think of BCD in terms of column weights in groups of four bits. For an 8-bit BCD number, the column weights are: 80 40 20 10 8 4 2 1.

Question: What are the column weights for the BCD number
1000 0011 0101 1001?

Answer:

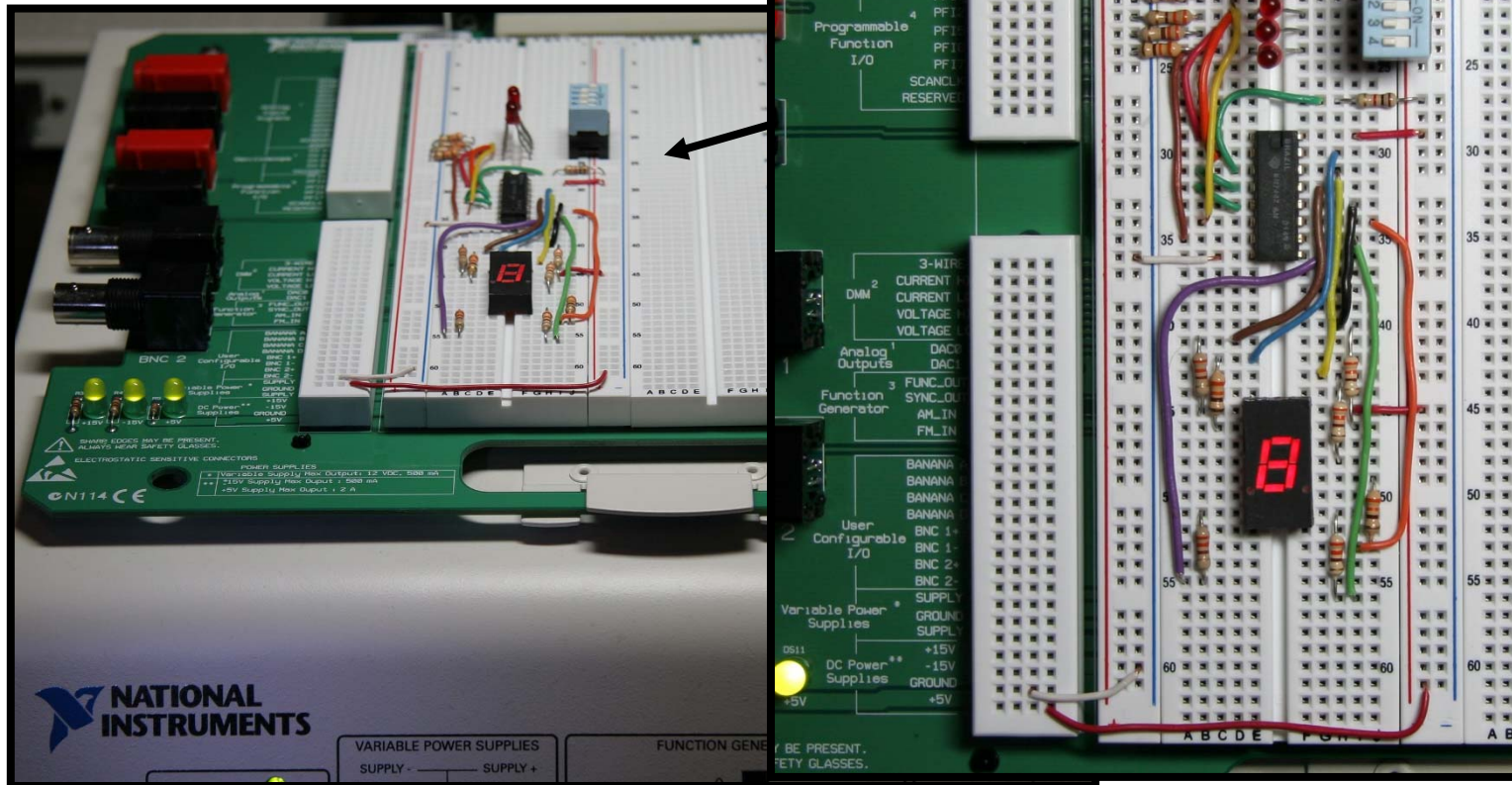
8000 4000 2000 1000 800 400 200 100 80 40 20 10 8 4 2 1

Note that you could add the column weights where there is a 1 to obtain the decimal number. For this case:

$$8000 + 200 + 100 + 40 + 10 + 8 + 1 = 8359_{10}$$

BCD

A lab experiment in which BCD is converted to decimal is shown.





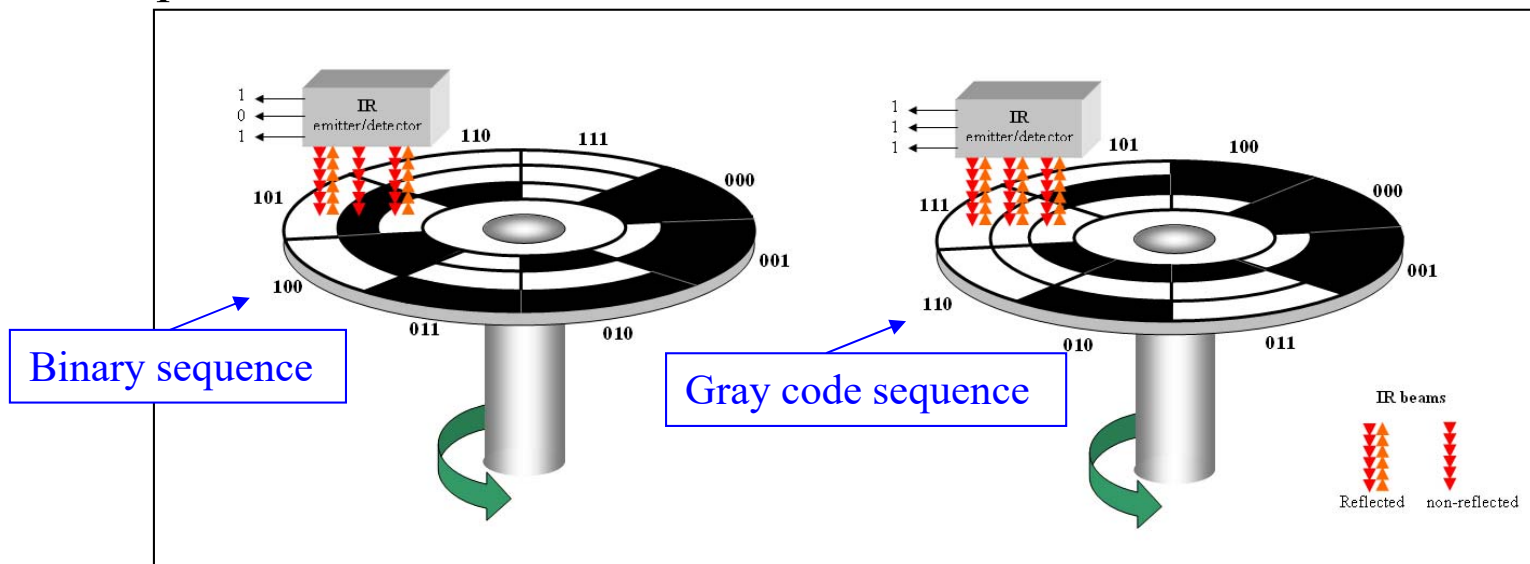
Gray code

Gray code is an unweighted code that has a single bit change between one code word and the next in a sequence. Gray code is used to avoid problems in systems where an error can occur if more than one bit changes at a time.

Decimal	Binary	Gray code
0	0000	0000
1	0001	0001
2	0010	0011
3	0011	0010
4	0100	0110
5	0101	0111
6	0110	0101
7	0111	0100
8	1000	1100
9	1001	1101
10	1010	1111
11	1011	1110
12	1100	1010
13	1101	1011
14	1110	1001
15	1111	1000

Gray code

A shaft encoder is a typical application. Three IR emitter/detectors are used to encode the position of the shaft. The encoder on the left uses binary and can have three bits change together, creating a potential error. The encoder on the right uses gray code and only 1-bit changes, eliminating potential errors.





ASCII

ASCII is a code for alphanumeric characters and control characters. In its original form, ASCII encoded 128 characters and symbols using 7-bits. The first 32 characters are control characters, that are based on obsolete teletype requirements, so these characters are generally assigned to other functions in modern usage.

In 1981, IBM introduced extended ASCII, which is an 8-bit code and increased the character set to 256. Other extended sets (such as Unicode) have been introduced to handle characters in languages other than English.



Parity Method

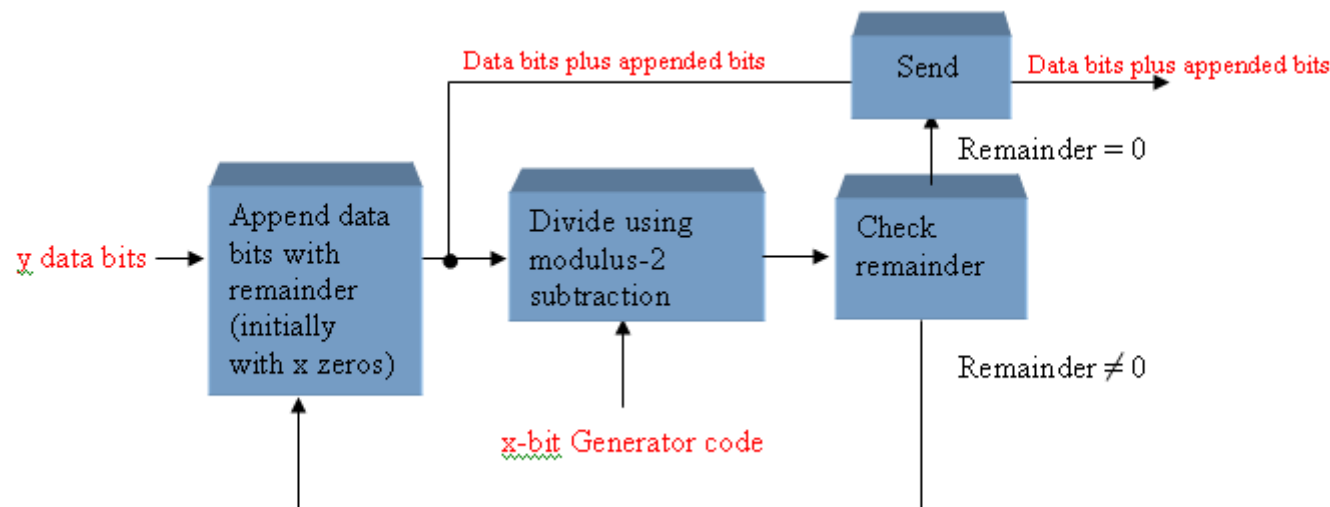
The parity method is a method of error detection for simple transmission errors involving one bit (or an odd number of bits). A parity bit is an “extra” bit attached to a group of bits to force the number of 1’s to be either even (even parity) or odd (odd parity).

Example The ASCII character for “a” is 1100001 and for “A” is 1000001. What is the correct bit to append to make both of these have odd parity?

Solution The ASCII “a” has an odd number of bits that are equal to 1; therefore the parity bit is **0**. The ASCII “A” has an even number of bits that are equal to 1; therefore the parity bit is **1**.

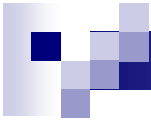
Cyclic Redundancy Check

The cyclic redundancy check (CRC) is an error detection method that can detect multiple errors in larger blocks of data. At the sending end, a checksum is appended to a block of data. At the receiving end, the check sum is generated and compared to the sent checksum. If the check sums are the same, no error is detected.





- Byte*** A group of eight bits
- Floating-point number*** A number representation based on scientific notation in which the number consists of an exponent and a mantissa.
- Hexadecimal*** A number system with a base of 16.
- Octal*** A number system with a base of 8.
- BCD*** Binary coded decimal; a digital code in which each of the decimal digits, 0 through 9, is represented by a group of four bits.



- Alphanumeric* Consisting of numerals, letters, and other characters
- ASCII* American Standard Code for Information Interchange; the most widely used alphanumeric code.
- Parity* In relation to binary codes, the condition of evenness or oddness in the number of 1s in a code group.
- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)* A type of error detection code.



Quiz

1. For the binary number 1000, the weight of the column with the 1 is

- a. 4
- b. 6
- c. 8
- d. 10



Quiz

2. The 2's complement of 1000 is

- a. 0111
- b. 1000
- c. 1001
- d. 1010



Quiz

3. The fractional binary number 0.11 has a decimal value of

a. $\frac{1}{4}$

b. $\frac{1}{2}$

c. $\frac{3}{4}$

d. none of the above



Quiz

4. The hexadecimal number 2C has a decimal equivalent value of

- a. 14
- b. 44
- c. 64
- d. none of the above



Quiz

5. Assume that a floating point number is represented in binary. If the sign bit is 1, the
- a. number is negative
 - b. number is positive
 - c. exponent is negative
 - d. exponent is positive



Quiz

6. When two positive signed numbers are added, the result may be larger than the size of the original numbers, creating overflow. This condition is indicated by

- a. a change in the sign bit
- b. a carry out of the sign position
- c. a zero result
- d. smoke



Quiz

7. The number 1010 in BCD is
- a. equal to decimal eight
 - b. equal to decimal ten
 - c. equal to decimal twelve
 - d. invalid



Quiz

8. An example of an unweighted code is

- a. binary
- b. decimal
- c. BCD
- d. Gray code



Quiz

9. An example of an alphanumeric code is

- a. hexadecimal
- b. ASCII
- c. BCD
- d. CRC



Quiz

10. An example of an error detection method for transmitted data is the

- a. parity check
- b. CRC
- c. both of the above
- d. none of the above